

CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

re : Buses running between Gulbarga and Aurad—suspension of.

Sri BAPU RAO PATIL (Aurad).—[In Urdu].

Sri AZEEZ SAIT (Minister for Labour).—Mysore State Road Transport Corporation Services on the routes Gulbarga-Aurad and Bidar-Aurad were operated on a temporary permit valid upto 31st May 1972. The operation of these services were suspended as the applications of Mysore State Road Transport Corporation for Fresh Temporary permits to operate these services were rejected by the Regional Transport Authority, Bidar. Arrangements are now being made to issue fresh temporary permits on application by Mysore State Road Transport Corporation and the Mysore State Road Transport Corporation has been requested to apply for the same immediately and to resume these services early.

I am happy to inform the House that the Deputy Commissioner, Bidar, has now reported, which is just now received, that Temporary permit authorising the vehicles to run on the Gulbarga-Aurad and Bidar to Aurad Routes have been issued for a period of 4 months after obtaining the application from the M.S.R.T.C. It is also ascertained from the M.S.R.T.C. that the above two services have been resumed from 5th July 1972. This is for the information of the House.

Sri BAPU RAO PATIL:—[Hindi.]

Sri AZEEZ SAIT:—[Hindi.]

Raising the number of seats in the Agricultural Colleges

Sri H. S. SIDDAPPA (Arsikere).—I am raising a question of great public importance with regard to the admissions of students to the Agricultural Colleges in the State. The last date for finalising the admissions to the Agricultural Colleges in the State is supposed to be the day after tomorrow. I understand that a good number of agriculturists' sons have applied for admission. It is difficult for these candidates to get admissions, because, according to the S. Y. Committee's recommendations, the minimum marks that the candidates have to secure in the interview is 45 per cent; in the written test they have to get about 50 per cent and in the oral test also they have to get about 50 per cent marks. The aggregate percentage has been fixed as 50 per cent. In these circumstances, the agriculturists' sons have no chance to get into the Agricultural College. Further, the seats that are available in the Bangalore College are 200 and in Dharwar, 120. The total accommodation for students for admission is only 320 in our state. If the capacity is raised to 500 Seats, the agriculturists'